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ns 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (U) Poloff delivered reftel A points on September 27 to MFA deputy for CFSP Pascal Le Deunff and DAS-equivalent for enlargement and European neighborhood policy Caroline Ferrari, and followed up in conversation September 30.

[1](#)2. (C) Both LeDeunff and Ferrari echoed comments in reftel B that Turkey and Croatia would receive by far the greatest focus at the GAERC, beginning Sunday night. Ferrari indicated that the GOF was supporting the UK presidency in its efforts to resolve the Turkey and Croatia issues, but that the main problem at the moment was between the Austrians and the presidency. Ferrari was unwilling to venture a guess on whether the negotiating framework could be agreed in a manner that the Turks could also accept, saying that "not a small amount of incertitude" still surrounds the matter. She noted that the UK hoped to deal with Turkey first on Sunday, and then Croatia on Monday; this would allow the FMs to take account of del Ponte's remarks Sept. 30 in Zagreb and Monday at the GAERC.

[1](#)3. (C) On other issues, LeDeunff noted that the resolution on Uzbekistan, calling for sanctions, an arms embargo, a slowing of political contacts and other messages had already been agreed. He also mentioned that Iran would be discussed at the ministers' lunch.

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